

# THE HAMLET HERALD



'Outstanding learning, within a glittering curriculum, where everyone matters'

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### HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Welcome back to the new academic year 2023-24. I hope that you and your children have had a good summer break; reconnecting with friends and family, enjoying a few adventures together and quality downtime.

As always, there was much going on behind the scenes throughout the summer break, and I must thank the Premises Team for their hard work getting us 'school ready'.

We are raring to go and really looking forward to welcoming our Hamleteers, both new and experienced, back to school. The staff have been in already, engaging in two days of training and prepping, ready to hit the road running on Monday.

We have welcomed several new colleagues to the DHJS team: Miss Ambrose is class teacher of 5A, Mr Gill is embarking on his year long School Direct training, working alongside Mrs Begley in 5B, and Mr Scott, Mr Oviawe, Miss Venmore, Miss Decesare, Miss Lasso Constante, and Miss Cascoe all join our teaching facing support staff team as teaching assistants. It is particularly lovely to welcome colleagues who were once Hamleteers themselves! We know that you will join us in making them feel welcome and part of our community.

As we enter the final weekend of the holiday for our children, I know you will take some time to make the final preparations for your child/children to support us in ensuring a smooth start to the new term. You will be aware that all of our Hamleteers can receive a hot meal each day. You will find the menu for week 1 from *Olive Dining*, our new catering company, on the next page. This is something you may wish to share with your child. Please ensure all of your child's uniform/water bottle is named. There is nothing worse for any parent when a brand new, unnamed hoodie goes astray! And finally, stating the absolute obvious, talk positively about the return to school. There is much to look forward to: old friends to meet, new friends to make, together with lots of interesting challenges and opportunities to embrace. We are looking forward to working with you all, as we embark on an exciting year ahead with your children.

See you on Monday!

### KEY DATES

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Formal start to the new academic year for all children  
All children to arrive between 8:45-8:55am via Village or Turney gates All children to depart at 3:25pm  
Y6 P.E. afternoon – come in wearing P.E. kit

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Y4 P.E. afternoon – come in wearing P.E. kit

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Choir re-starts, 8am drop-off, Turney Hall, all welcome!  
Y3 P.E. afternoon – come in wearing P.E. kit

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Y5 P.E. afternoon – come in wearing P.E. kit

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

House winners for summer term 2023 (Garnet Earth) and overall winner for the year (Ruby Fire) own clothes day.  
Wear an item in your House colour!  
Y6 dance – come in wearing P.E. kit (or if in Garnet Earth/Ruby Fire, your own P.E. clothes suitable for dance)



### TERM DATES/KEY DATES

You will find a copy of our term dates for 2023-24, along with our autumn term key dates list at the end of the Hamlet Herald. You will note that we have now listed all of our INSET days for the academic year, which means a slightly different start to the spring term 2024.

By providing you with these key dates in advance, we hope you are able to plan family activities around these dates, ensuring that you avoid term time for holidays etc... We also hope that you will be able to place some of our DHJS community opportunities in your diaries.

# [WEEKLY MENU] Week 1



Weeks Commencing: Mon 4th Sept - Mon 25th Sept - Mon 16th Oct - Mon 20th Nov - Mon 11th Dec



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Veggie Sausage & Crushed Potato with Gravy (G, MK)	Beef Burger & Seasoned Potato Wedges (G, SE*, SU)	Roast Chicken & Gravy	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese (G)	Fish Finger & Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Roasted Vegetable Burrito (CE, G, MU)	Vegetable Bean Burger & Seasoned Potato Wedge (G, SE*)	Vegetable Wellington (CE, E, G)	Vegetable Bolognese with Spaghetti (CE, G)	Vegan Nuggets & Chips (G)
Vegetable Choice	Seasonal Greens	Baked Beans or Coleslaw (E, MU)	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Medley of Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread & Green Salad (G, MK)	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Banana Sponge with Vanilla Sauce (E, G, MK)	Fruit Jelly	Apple Crumble & Custard (G, MK)	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, G, SU)	Chocolate Chip Cookie (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit



Allergens:  
 CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds \* = May Contain

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## Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023

Y3 -  Y4 -  Y5 -  Y6 -  Whole Sch -

Key Dates	Events	Further Details
<b>04.09.23</b>	<b>Autumn term starts</b>	<b>Arrive between 8.45-8.55</b>
06.09.23	Early morning Choir starts – All welcome	8.00-8.45 Turney Hall
11.09.23	<b>*After School Clubs Begin*</b>	15.25-16.30
11.09.23	Music Ensembles start this week (by invitation only)	Various times – lunchtimes & after school
<b>13.09.23</b>	<b>Y6 Curriculum and Secondary Transfer Meeting</b>	<b>Online meet, 6pm (will be recorded)</b>
18.09.23	Year Group Autumn Term Curriculum Presentations	Sent via email
18.09.23	3KS Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
19.09.23	3EF Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
21.09.23	3RS Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
27.09.23	3KS Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09:30
27.09.23	PTA AGM – please come along and get involved!	Turney Hall 19:00-20:00
28.09.23	Y3 visit to Horton Kirby	09.00-ETA 16.00
28.09.23	Y4 Freshwater Theatre Company <i>The Quest for Volcanoes and Earthquakes</i>	Village Hall
28.09.23	Y6 Taster Lunch – carried over from summer term	12:00-13:00
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning – come & support this incredible charity	Village Playground 08.00-09.00
04.10.23	3EF Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09:30
11.10.23	3RS Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09:30
11.10.23	6TS Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
13.10.23	New Parent Tour	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
16.10.23	5B Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
17.10.23	5N Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Afternoon visit
18.10.23	5A Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Afternoon visit
18.10.23	6W Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
19.10.23	Y4 <i>Animal Classification</i> workshops at The Horniman Museum	Full day visit
20.10.23	Hamlet's Got Talent!	pm. Turney Hall
	<b>23.10.23 HALF TERM HOLIDAYS 03.11.23</b>	
tdc	Parent Cafe: New Parents to DHJS this year, not via DVIS	Burbage – 9.00-10.00
10.11.23	New Parent Tour	09.00-10.00 (booking via school office)
10.11.23	DHJS Marks Remembrance	Turney playground
14.11.23	4G visit to The James Caird	Dulwich College, half day visit
15.11.23	6O Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
16.11.23	4GR & 4M visit to The James Caird	Dulwich College, half day visit
17.11.23	Flu immunisations – whole school	School nursing team – throughout the day
22.11.23	Open Classroom – come and see your children's work!	15.25-16.30
23.11.23	Open Classroom – come and see your children's work!	08.25-08.45
23.11.23-1.12.23	Parent and Carer meets with class teachers	Various times via Google Meet
24.11.23	New Parent Tour	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
25.11.23	PTA Christmas Fair	12.30-15.00
29.11.23	2 x Y5 class visit to The Ragged School	All day visit
05.12.23	Whole School Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas Church	X2 Performances – 10.00 & 14.00
08.12.23	1 x Y5 class visit to The Ragged School	All day visit
15.12.23 (tdc)	PTA Christmas Cake Sale	15.25 Village playground
tdc	Christmas Concert at JAGs – all music ensembles performing	19.00-20.30
15.12.23 (tdc)	Christmas lunch	All year groups
15.12.23	Panto	Morning, whole school
tdc	Y4 & Y5 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
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<b>21.12.23</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>13.25 last registration</b>



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### SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2023-2024

#### **Autumn term 2023**

*(STAFF INSET DAYS: Thursday 31 August and Friday 1 September)*

Term starts: Monday 4th September 2023 - Friday 20 October 2023

**Half Term: Monday 23 October 2023 - Friday 3 November 2023**

Term starts: Monday 6 November 2023 – Thursday 21 December 2023

#### **Spring term 2024**

*(STAFF INSET DAYS: Thursday 4 January and Friday 5 January)*

Term starts: Monday 8 January 2024 - Friday 9 February 2024

**Half Term: Monday 12 February 2024 - Friday 16 February 2024**

Term starts: Monday 19 February 2024 - Thursday 28 March 2024

#### **Summer term 2024**

Term starts: Monday 15 April 2024 - Friday 24 May 2024

**Half Term: Monday 27 May 2024 - Friday 31 May 2024**

Term starts: Monday 3 June 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024

#### **Public Holidays**

- **Christmas Day Holiday to be taken on:** Monday 25 December 2023
- **Boxing Day Holiday to be taken on:** Tuesday 26 December 2023
- **New Year's Holiday to be taken on:** Monday 1 January 2024
- **Good Friday:** Friday 29 March 2024
- **Easter Monday:** Monday 1 April 2024
- **May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 6 May 2024
- **Spring Bank Holiday:** Monday 27 May 2024
- **Summer Bank Holiday:** Monday 26 August 2024